



**45th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Research
Society of Southern Africa
6 – 7th July 2017
preceded by the
2017 Registrars Symposium
4 – 5th July 2017**

On behalf of Professor Martin Smith and the Wits Local Organising Committee, I wish to extend a warm invitation to you all to come to Johannesburg early in July for the Annual 2017 Registrars Symposium and the 45th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Southern Africa.

As for previous meetings, training registrars will review a wide range of topics which will be debated with prizes awarded to the Best Registrars presenting at the Registrars Symposium. This year we hope to have registrars presenting from Zambia. We also wish to thank Johnson and Johnson for once again sponsoring this prestigious education event.

We would like to hear you present your current research to the Surgical Research Society to an audience of surgeons, registrars, scientists, medical students and other health care professionals. We will have distinguished guests representing the UK (Society of Research and Academic Surgeons), the Europe (European Society of Surgical Research (ESSR) and the USA (Society of University Surgeons) as well as prize winners from these Sister Societies. The abstracts for the SRS-SA Meeting are peer-reviewed and will be published in the South African Journal of Surgery. Our guests will be judges adjudicating the best abstracts selected for presentation by the younger members of our Society in the Prize Winning Sessions. The Bunny Angorn, Bert Myburgh and Scales Antrobus Prizes will enable the winner to attend the prestigious annual meetings of our Sister Societies.

Johannesburg is cold at night with cool crisp sunny days, so a warning to those who come from the coast – dress warmly. We wish you safe travel and hope to see you soon on Johannesburg.

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